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## AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks United States Patent & Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed December 18, 2002, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response which expires on March 18, 2003, amend the above-captioned application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 5, 6, 13, 22, 30 and 36 without prejudice.

Amend claims 1, 7, 10, 11, 15, 18, 25, 28, 33, 37 -39, and 41 - 46 to read as follows: